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NEHRU HEADS NEW GOVT.

New Delhi, Aug. 24.
King George has accepted the resignation of the Indian "caretaker" government, and has appointed a new government headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Congress President, an official communique stated here today.

Other members of the new government listed in the communique, are: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (member of the Congress Working Committee, and the Congress delegate at the Simla talks with the British Cabinet mission); Dr. Rajendra Prasad (Congress Working Committee member); C. Rajagopalachari (Congress Working Committee member and former Premier of Madras); Sarat Chandra Bose (Congress Working Committee member and Congress leader in the Legislative Assembly); John Mathai (Indian Christian, Bombay industrialist and managing director of Tata Chemical Works); Sardar Baldev Singh (Sikh leader and member of the Punjab Ministry); Asaf Ali (Congress Moslem, Deputy leader of Congress in the Central Assembly); Sir Shafat Ahmed Khan (former High Commis-

EXPLOSION

Frankfurt, Aug. 24.
The explosion of 150 tons of German ammunition drove more than 50 American families from their homes in Bremen today.

An Army officer said no casualties were reported, although the blast demolished three buildings, shattered windows and damaged roofs throughout the American community. The Americans were evacuated after the blast because of the possibility of further explosions.—Associated Press.

slomer in South Africa, non-League Moslem); Jagjivan Ram (President of the Depressed Classes League "Untouchables" and a Congress party member); C. H. Bhabha (Parsee); Sayed Ali Zaher (leader of the Shia sect of Moslems).

Two more Moslem members will be appointed later.

The new interim government will take the oath on September 2.—Reuter.

Invited

Karachi, Aug. 24.
Khan Dahadur Moulvi, the Sind Nationalist Moslem leader, who returned here today after meeting Moulana Azad and other Congress leaders in Delhi, said he had been invited to join the interim government.

"I could not accept the invitation owing to the present political conditions in Sind," he added. He said the Moslem League must revise its attitude and come to reasonable settlement with Congress.—Reuter.

Oso, Aug. 24.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lange told the press on his return from Paris today that the Paris Conference would last until November, although there was still some chance that delegations would arrive at definite results before then.—Reuter.

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EX-H.K. P.O.W. TO BE TRIED

London, Aug. 24.
Major Doon, RASC, will be tried by a court-martial here on Tuesday, on charges of collaborating with the Japanese in Hong Kong while acting as a Liaison Officer at a prisoner of war camp, the War Office announced today.—Reuter.

Danger At Sea

New York, Aug. 24.
One of the most intensive searches of the Atlantic since the end of the war is being made for sections of a partially submerged derelict floating dry dock, capable of sinking a ship the size of the "Queen Mary."

The United States Coastguard authorities disclosed last night that a naval dry dock slipped from a naval tug in heavy seas on May 30 some 330 miles off Norfolk, Virginia, and broke in two. Once believed sunk, the derelict re-appeared on Tuesday.

A Coastguard cutter, armed with TNT demolition bombs, is searching an area 75 miles east of Norfolk for one part of the dock, which on Thursday resisted 500 pound bombs dropped by Navy planes in an attempt to sink it.

Other Coastguard and naval vessels are trying to find the second section 165 miles south-east of Cape May.

Shipping has been warned of the hulks, which were stated to be as great a hazard to navigation as giant icebergs floating in unpredictable currents.—Associated Press.

Litvinoff "Released From His Duties"

London, Aug. 24.
Moscow radio said today that Maxim Litvinoff, former Soviet Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the United States, had been "released from his duties" as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Tito Accuses The U.S.

Belgrade, Aug. 24.
Marshal Tito, in a written reply to correspondents' questions today, accused the U.S. military authorities of deliberate aerial reconnaissance of Yugoslav military installations along the Italo-Yugoslav border.

Tito claimed, in replies to newsmen that unauthorized flights over Yugoslav soil were carried out for the purpose of "reconnoitering" those regions which our military units are occupying in zone B and the rest of the frontier zone.

This answer was made in reply to a question if Tito thought the infringement of the frontier was deliberate and why?

His reply also accused American authorities with attempting to intimidate Tito's followers and encourage their anti-Yugoslav opponents.

He also accused American, British and French forces of being "involved in this policy."

Security Concern Of UNO Only

Ankara, Aug. 24.
The Turkish Government, replying to the Soviet Government's note of August 7 claiming a Russian share in the defence of the Dardanelles, said that the Soviet proposals are "not compatible with the sovereignty of Turkey and the security of the Dardanelles and raise the gravest objections from the international point of view."

The note, which was published by the semi-official Anatolian News Agency today, concluded: "The best guarantee for the security of the Soviet Union in the Black Sea lies not in seeking a privileged position in the Straits but in the restoration of the most friendly relations with a strong Turkey."

The note adds: "The Turkish Government believes it is entitled to think that the security of each is better guaranteed by

"Persuaded" By Russia?

Vienna, Aug. 24.
More than 48 hours after the announcement that Pan-American's New York to New Delhi world flights would have to be detoured completely around south-eastern Europe, no official explanation had been received here as to why the landing rights for the big planes had been withdrawn at Budapest, Rumania and Bucharest, Hungary.

Officers who had been in Budapest within the past 48 hours said that it was reported there that the Rumanian and Hungarian Governments had withdrawn landing rights because they had been "persuaded" by the Soviet occupying power to sign an agreement giving Russia the sole right to commercial airline operations but this could not be confirmed here officially.—Associated Press.

international forces placed at the service of the UNO. Therefore, even in the unlikely case of the Soviet Union sending attack against her positions in the Black Sea from the Mediterranean, through the Straits, the Turkish Government considers that it would be a case for the United Nations Organisation, to which Turkey remains firmly attached."

Refuting allegations about the passage of certain Axis ships through the Dardanelles, the Turkish note said: "The reproach that the Montreux Convention does not correspond with present conditions cannot be accepted by the Turkish Government. The Turkish Government believes that it is in a position to assert before world opinion and, when the time comes, before competent authori-

"VIKING AHoy"

Brisbane, Aug. 24.
Captain H. M. Fremlin, who claims to be the first captain of Winston Churchill, left Brisbane today in a 60-foot yacht "Viking Ahoy" for a three-month cruise of Siam and Malaya. Capt. Fremlin said he was taking an Australian Eucalyptus tree as a present for the King of Siam, as well as other eucalyptus trees to be planted in Australian war cemeteries in Siam and Malaya.—Reuter.

ties its good faith and high consciousness of international responsibilities with which it has been entrusted under the Montreux Convention."

"Public Opinion"

The note added: "The Turkish Government, taking note of the desire expressed by the Soviet Government, and, on the other hand, desirous of satisfying the wishes expressed by the trend of American public opinion, does not intend to put any obstacle in the way of applications for an international conference of signatories of the Convention and of the United States."

The note observed that the first three points of the Soviet note are more or less identical with the suggestions presented on November 2, 1946, by the United States Government. As regards the fourth point the Soviet note seemed to ignore the interests of any other signatory powers.

From the international point of view, the Turkish note said, the Soviet proposals would amount to eliminating Turkey's role as a linking power holding the balance in the Straits. The Turkish Government is itself interested in the defence of the country with all its forces, against any aggression from whatever side it comes, the note continued.

It Turkey was incapable of defending by her own means the sovereignty of the Straits, Turkey would not have escaped the fate of her neighbouring countries during the war.

"AXIS AGENTS" RELEASED

Buenos Aires, Aug. 24.
The Argentine Supreme Court today ordered the release of 10 Germans who had been held as Axis agents. Chief among them was Juan Siegfried Becker—labelled in the United States Blue Book as "chief of all South America" among German agents.

The Court ruled that they could not be deported until given formal trials, with the opportunity to defend themselves.—Associated Press.

No Dark Bread For America

Washington, Aug. 24.
The U.S. Government today cancelled its order requiring "dark" bread and flour and made a little more grain available for beer and liquor—both effective as from September 1.

The Department of Agriculture announced that improved wheat supplies have made the cancellation possible. The order would require millers to convert 80 per cent of wheat kernel into flour instead of only 72 per cent.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said, however, that the time has not yet come when all restrictions can be removed. He said the nation's grain supplies must still be managed with care.—Associated Press.

Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 24.
Singapore has experienced its worst food week in history. With the week's rice barely sufficient for three meals and bread difficult to obtain even at Black Market prices, hungry people have been turning to wheat and rice derivatives such as vermicelli, noodles and sweet potatoes and even the former despised tapioca root, the prices of which have steadily risen, while rice which a week ago was selling at \$1.20 per catty (20 ounces) is now \$1.25.—Reuter.

Shipments Cut

New York, Aug. 24.
The U.S. Department of Agriculture decided to cut the proportion of flour in future wheat shipments to India, it was authoritatively learned here tonight.

The September allocation will reflect this decision. Only little more than nine per cent of a total of 224,000 tons for India will consist of flour. In comparison nearly 40 per cent of 80,000 tons shipped in August was flour.

The decision, it was stated, is of great importance to India where a ton of wheat is far more valuable than a ton of flour.—Reuter.

Bloody Toll Of Calcutta Riots

Calcutta, Aug. 24.
At least 2,020 people died and 4,291 were injured in the five days blood rioting which began in Calcutta, India's biggest city, last Friday, it was disclosed officially here today.

That is the total so far accounted for, but the police are still collecting the dead from houses in the riot areas. The dead include 717 removed from hospitals and streets, 803 received at burning ghats, where Hindus were cremated, and 600 others removed from the streets by the Army.

The number of injured includes those discharged from hospital and those still in hospital. The situation in Calcutta has greatly improved but it is still far from normal, the spokesman said. No new incidents have been reported and there are signs of returning confidence. The exodus from the city continued. So far 90,000 people have left from the Howrah station alone.

Curfew orders were in force tonight in Dacca, the city of east Bengal, and Allahabad, the second city of the United Provinces.

Jewish Agency Not To Cooperate

Paris, Aug. 24.
At its meeting in Paris, the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine "made the necessary provision for further Jewish immigration and new settlement on the land," a statement from the Agency, summarising the work of the meeting announced today.

"It also agreed on the measures to mobilise support of the whole Jewish people from the Yishuv (Palestine Jewish Community) in its courageous stand," the statement added.

"Concerning major policy, it was decided not to take part in any discussions on the basis of the plan for Palestine outlined by His Majesty's Government in Parliament."

The statement said: "The whole situation of the Jewish people and of Zionism, was reviewed in the light of reports submitted on Palestine, European Jewry, Great Britain and the United States. Deliberations are conducted in the shadow of the deepening Jewish tragedy in Europe and the crimes committed in Palestine."

"The executive condemned the continuation of White Paper policy by the mandatory power, its recent acts against the Yishuv, and military, naval and political blockades launched against the Jews seeking a haven of refuge in their national home. It considered this policy to be a flagrant violation of the international obligations under mandate which are the sole legal and moral basis of British administration in Palestine."

"The executive reaffirmed the inalienable right of all Jews who are in need of help or who desire to do so, to return to their national home."

"The meeting paid special attention to the position of Jews in displaced persons camps and those fleeing from the pogroms."

"Arrangements were made for the work of the executive under the present circumstances in Palestine, Great Britain, the United States and Continental Europe, and also for the necessary approaches to the United Nations."

"In view of the gravity of the situation, the date of the next Zionist congress was advanced to the end of November," the statement added.—Reuter.

"Pay With Blood"

Jerusalem, Aug. 24.
Thousands of pamphlets were posted overnight on the walls, street corners and shop windows of the All-Jewish city of Tel Aviv, announcing the "British will pay with blood" if the 18 members of the Stern gang now lying under sentence of death in Acre Prison, North Palestine are executed.

For the past three days the city's 160,000 inhabitants have been stocking up food in hourly anticipation of a new curfew and the Jewish resistance movement secret radio, "The Voice of Israel" has been broadcasting "instructions" at intervals. The radio called on all Jews to "rebel military attacks and searches during the curfew."

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According to Jewish sources, confirmation by the GOC, Palestine, of the death sentence of the Stern gangsters, will be followed by "a new wave of terror by the Stern gang."—Reuter.

PARIS CLASH OVER MINORITIES

Paris, Aug. 24.
A brief clash between delegates from South Africa, Australia and the Ukraine over minorities, particularly the Indian minorities, disturbed the debate in the political and territorial commission for Rumania today in the Paris conference.

The commission was discussing Australia's proposal to recognise the principle of human rights, calling for the insertion in the preamble of a clause expressing "the principles of peace, justice and equity" and "securing to all persons human rights and fundamental freedom without distinction of race, language or religion."

Col W. A. Hodgson, who has taken over the leadership of the Australian delegation in the absence of Dr. Ewart (who has returned home) pointed to the manner in which South Africa has satisfactorily settled its minority problems and referred to racial harmony in the Union.

Col Hodgson paid tribute to South Africa, saying it was a country where the minority question had been settled. They must write into the preamble a clear recognition that the fundamental freedoms would be respected.

"Let this principle be one of the foundation stones of the treaty," he said. "As an illustration of the achievement of racial harmony, I would mention the Union of South Africa, whose delegation is sitting opposite to me," he said.

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THE WEATHER

General situation—Pressure is high to the east of Japan and over the Dutch East Indies. A weak anti-cyclone covers north-east China. It is low over the Gulf of Tonkin and South China. The typhoon is situated 200 to 300 miles east of Formosa and is stationary or moving slowly northwards.

Today's forecast—Light or moderate east or north-easterly winds; fair.
Yesterday's temperature—Maximum 84° at Kowloon, 82° at Hong Kong, 80° at Canton, 78° at Shanghai, 76° at Peking, 74° at Tientsin, 72° at Hankow, 70° at Chungking, 68° at Yenching, 66° at Nanking, 64° at Soochow, 62° at Suzhou, 60° at Hangzhou, 58° at Ningbo, 56° at Shanghai, 54° at Ningbo, 52° at Hangzhou, 50° at Ningbo, 48° at Hangzhou, 46° at Ningbo, 44° at Hangzhou, 42° at Ningbo, 40° at Hangzhou, 38° at Ningbo, 36° at Hangzhou, 34° at Ningbo, 32° at Hangzhou, 30° at Ningbo, 28° at Hangzhou, 26° at Ningbo, 24° at Hangzhou, 22° at Ningbo, 20° at Hangzhou, 18° at Ningbo, 16° at Hangzhou, 14° at Ningbo, 12° at Hangzhou, 10° at Ningbo, 8° at Hangzhou, 6° at Ningbo, 4° at Hangzhou, 2° at Ningbo, 0° at Hangzhou, -2° at Ningbo, -4° at Hangzhou, -6° at Ningbo, -8° at Hangzhou, -10° at Ningbo, -12° at Hangzhou, -14° at Ningbo, -16° at Hangzhou, -18° at Ningbo, -20° at Hangzhou, -22° at Ningbo, -24° at Hangzhou, -26° at Ningbo, -28° at Hangzhou, -30° at Ningbo, -32° at Hangzhou, -34° at 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RE-UNION FAMILIES

Government's attempt to establish a rational basis for the allotment of priorities to the wives and families of Hong Kong residents clamouring for early re-union is, in principle, to be commended. As far as it is possible to judge from here, the Colonial Office has made a poorish job of it, and the transfer to this end of final responsibility should eliminate some of the complaints. This, nevertheless, is the first intimation of an official decision to award priorities by taking the total length of separation over the last seven years as the sole criterion: and a good many husbands have received a rude shock. At first glance, it would appear that no scheme which could be described as essentially fairer could have been devised. Indeed, it meets the situation covering eighty per cent. of the applicants admirably. In any quest for a yardstick by which to choose between one family and another, some such method of computing priority of claim would have had to be devised had it not been readily available. But no system is perfect, and no such claim can be made for this. In fact, the process of ignoring all other considerations which normally would be permitted to enter automatically creates serious anomalies in a number of cases. The solution of the problem offered could only emerge by over-simplification of the issues involved, and while we hesitate to urge any modification which might promote possibilities for string-pulling, we think Government should be ready to entertain representations by husbands who can show special circumstances. Under the plan, as now announced, women who have never been in Hong Kong before in their lives and whose last period of separation from their husbands is no larger than fifty or sixty days will be given passage before families whose permanent home is, and always has been, in Hong Kong. Of course, the real solution lies not in a request that Government go into the merits of each individual case, which is obviously impossible, but in the exertion of the strongest pressure on the Colonial Office to take its task seriously. The way it is apparently proposed to deal with it makes the problem look formidable. There is no reason why it should be. The statement that "these passengers are likely to be brought forward gradually and in small numbers" has an ominous and provoking sound, especially when considered from the angle that if the Home Government made up its mind to provide one ship to bring the whole of the 700 applicants to Hong Kong at one and the same time, it could do so. Excuses of shipping shortages stir little sympathy. There is always a ship, or two ships or three ships, when it is desired to bring over illegal immigrants from Haifa to Cyprus, or to meet any similar such emergency. Experience has shown over and over again that action can be got if the powers-that-be can be sufficiently inspired with a sense of urgency. The duty of this Government, therefore, rather than fiddle around with fast air-mail letters containing thirty or forty names at a time is to press relentlessly for a British version of the "Dunroon". That is the only satisfactory and sensible answer, the only one which will rule out disquiet, and grievance.

CAIRO DEADLOCK

London, Aug. 24.—Discussions on a possible resumption of the negotiations for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936, which came to a standstill following the Egyptian rejection of the latest British proposals early this week, are now under way between Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, and the British delegation in Cairo, headed by Lord Stansgate, a Foreign Office spokesman, said today.

**The Strange Affair Of Rudolf Hess:
The Greatest Radio Battle Of The War****SECRETS OF CENSORSHIP**

By Rear-Admiral George

P. THOMSON, Chief Press Censor

Never in the whole course of the war was the Censorship criticised so loudly and vigorously as over the strange affair of Rudolf Hess.

Editors were exasperated. M.P.s were angry. Even the patient British public were caustic about the way the matter had been handled. Time after time I was asked for what conceivable reason the news of Hess's landing in Scotland could have been kept out of the newspapers for two whole days.

Hints have been made that there were sinister aspects to the affair which were kept from the public. Why was nothing published about what Hess said to members of the Government?

I admit that the way the censorship was applied appeared stupid. I admit that it enabled the Germans to get in the first blow of the great radio battle which developed for the ear of the world with the statement (quite untrue) that he was out of his mind.

But there were points to be considered of which our critics knew nothing. And I feel that the time has come to tell the whole story from our point of view.

It started on the night of May 10, 1941. There was an air raid on, and a bad one. The pounding of London was going on remorselessly, and I had stayed late at the office to deal with the problems which it might bring. I was expecting to spend the night there on my camp bed, and was hoping that my office would not be bombed as it had already been once.

I would not say I was exactly depressed, but certainly the outlook was pretty bad. The British troops had been driven from Greece after that brief campaign to which the fruits of Wavell's desert victories had been sacrificed. Now all Europe, save Sweden and Switzerland, was firmly gripped in the Axis clasp.

A Tonic Needed

The British public needed a tonic of good news as never before.

As I was thinking on these lines a censor brought to me for advice a story submitted by a morning paper that a Messerschmitt 110 had crashed near Glasgow and that a German officer had been found with a parachute (and a broken ankle) not far away.

I told the censor I could not allow the story to be passed. Under our rules I had to hold reports of German aircraft crashes at night until the Air Ministry authorised me to release them.

But as I read the story it struck me as distinctly odd. How could a fighter like a Messerschmitt 110 carry enough fuel for a flight to Scotland and back?

I made inquiries and found there were no reports of any German planes having been shot down in the north.

This made it look as though the German officer might be a spy.

But almost immediately reports began to come in which made the whole business even queerer.

The visitor (who had been arrested by a small, red-faced soldier wearing only shirt, trousers, and unlaced boots) had a gold watch on one wrist, a gold compass on the other, and polished toe-nails.

"Horn"

In his plane was a map on which he had plotted a course from Augsburg, in South Germany. On it the Duke of Hamilton's estate at Dungavel Lodge, Lanarkshire, was ringed in blue pencil; and his first words were, "I want to see the Duke of Hamilton."

He gave the name of "Horn." Before long newspaper stories were submitted which said that the parachutist was actually Hitler's Deputy, Rudolf Hess, and that he had come over to offer peace terms.

I refused to pass any of these stories.

At once telephone calls began to come in. "Really, Admiral, this news should be published at once," said one editor after another. "There seems to be no security about this and the public ought to know."

"I'm sorry," I replied, "but this fellow came over in a military aircraft and I cannot possibly authorise publication until I have some official information about the circumstances."

Next morning Mr. Churchill was told.

Not only did he approve of my action in releasing nothing, he refused to believe that it could be Hess.

Mr. Bevin, another member of the War Cabinet, also view-

ed the whole matter with the deepest suspicion.

Complete Ban

So our instructions were to maintain a complete ban. Meanwhile Mr. Churchill sent to Scotland Mr. Ivone Kirkpatrick, a Foreign Office official who had seen a great deal of Hess in Germany.

"What trick are the Germans up to now?" was the question in Ministers' minds. It was known that they employed doubles of Hitler. Suppose this were a double of Hess.

And suppose Britain announced that Hitler's Deputy had landed by parachute in Scotland and then the real Hess turned up in Germany. Britain would be the laughing stock of the world.

We were still waiting for the news that the man in Scotland had been proved to be Hess when, on May 12, the German radio broadcast a statement:

"The Fuhrer's Deputy, Hess, who had a progressive illness and had been forbidden by the Fuhrer for several years to use an aeroplane, has nevertheless succeeded lately in taking possession of an aeroplane...."

It appears from a letter he left behind that he was the victim of obsessions which can be traced back to mental disruption.... The National-Socialist Party must expect that the Fuhrer's Deputy has either met with a fatal accident or deliberately fallen out of the plane."

Beyond Question

This was just what the British Government wanted. This proved beyond question that the prisoner was Hess.

But still we had no power to release the newspapers' own stories.

And the first editions of the papers were just going to press. So although they possessed the full story of Hess's arrival and capture, the only thing they could publish was the German announcement that it was presumed he had committed suicide or been accidentally killed.

The Cabinet moved fast, as time is considered in Government circles, but nothing like fast enough to solve the dilemma of the Press.

It was only at 11.30 p.m. that a statement came from No. 10, Downing-street:

"Rudolf Hess, the Deputy Fuhrer of Germany and Party Leader of the National-Socialist Party, has landed in Scotland...."

Even then there was nothing about the reason for his visit, and I was ordered to ban any reports that he had brought proposals for peace or which indicated where he was.

The ban on where he might be was intended to prevent any attempt at rescue. This was taken so seriously that the export of a London evening paper was stopped because it published an article headed: "Hess is in London."

Now the greatest radio propaganda battle of the war was on.

Nazis Flounder

The Nazis, ill-informed, were floundering awfully. They talked about his mental disturbance, his "delusions" and nervous disorders and weak stomach, his visits to astrologers, quacks and mesmerists.

We, on the other hand, were instructed to pass nothing which would suggest that he was insane, which was quite right, for he was unquestionably sane.

As an added precaution, we were not even allowed to pass any mention of medicines being taken with him on his journey south from Scotland.

At the same time, the B.B.C. were making the most of the situation. Ten times a day they broadcast to Germany. The general view of the free world was that Hess's flight showed Germany to be not so strong as she looked, and that he was the "lost rat" to leave the ship.

Then the Germans shifted their ground, and hinted darkly that it was "conceivable" that Hess was intentionally led into a trap by the British.

As this did not seem to be getting them far, they changed their story again, and represented him as having gone to England against Hitler's orders.

To convince the British of the hopelessness of their struggle, the Nazis applied a strict "stop" (withholding release) on any alleged conversations or messages which he may have reported to have had or brought

with him. The Press were not allowed to suggest the type of information he might be imparting.

Nazis Rattled

At the same time they were allowed to say that he was talking freely and to make vague generalisations about his revelations of a character likely to disquiet the enemy.

The effect of this was two-fold. It rattled the Germans and led them from contradiction to contradiction.

And it left the world with the impression that Hess had given up Germany's cause as lost and wanted Britain to accept peace on easy terms—which she was strong enough not even to consider.

Only years later did it come out that Hess's "peace terms" were extremely tough and were accompanied by ferocious threats of what Germany would do to Britain if they were not accepted!

I can just imagine how eagerly the Germans read the British newspapers—which they obtained through neutral countries—to find something which would give them a clue to the best line to follow in their explanations of the Hess affair.

Indeed, throughout the war the British Press had no more painstaking readers than the Germans. It was from British newspapers (often very small ones) that the late William Joyce—Lord Haw-Haw—gained those odd items, such as the fact that Mudford town clock was under repair, with which he tried to build up the idea that he knew everything that was going on in Britain.

The Inferences

Some cases of what the enemy could learn from our Press were obvious. For instance, to publish too much about measures to combat the Fifth Column was merely to keep the enemy agent warned of the steps being taken against him.

But often the inferences that could be drawn were far from obvious, and were sometimes seen by neither the journalist who wrote an article nor the censor who passed it.

For instance, if the Germans read that John Brown had been convicted in the Blankham police court of an offence against wartime factory regulations they might learn that this former farming area was now a centre of war industry.

Therefore editors were asked to submit to censorship reports of prosecutions of this kind if there was any doubt about the extent of the pre-war industrialisation of the district concerned.

Obituary notices had to be watched carefully. Consider this, for example:

"On April 21, John William Deeds, solicitor, killed by enemy action."

No town is given, but it would be easy for the enemy to look up Mr. Deeds in the English reference books they possessed and find out where he was practising. They would then know the town their bombers hit on April 21 and the fact that they caused, at any rate, some casualties.

The Motives

If two or more members of a family were killed in an air raid their address might not be given, for though one man might well be killed away from home it was improbable that several members of the same family would be, and hence the exact locality hit would be betrayed.

The same applied to "In Memoriam" notices. Suppose that in a local paper published at a place containing a large aircraft factory there appeared in June a long series of "In Memoriam" notices referring to deaths a year before. This would give the enemy a good idea of how much he had interfered with our war production by his raids on that town the previous year.

Again, when the enemy claimed to have sunk one of our submarines he could never be certain he had done so unless he had recovered prisoners. The Admiralty, therefore, never announced the loss until some time afterwards when the submarine was long overdue. Even then the date of the loss was not revealed, for it was important not to tell the enemy that his tactics on that occasion had been successful.

If, however, a memorial notice was published containing the date of the loss (the presumed date of the relative's death), the enemy would thus receive confirmation of the claim of a year ago.

Compulsion. Compulsion was carefully carried out by the enemy to take advantage of the slightest slip.

For instance, the Germans would often be unaware of the name of the small provincial

town on which they had carried out a tip-and-run raid. The name of the town was, therefore, not to be released for publication.

Two And Two

It was, however, permitted to publish where an enemy aircraft had crashed, since it might have been at a long distance away from where it actually crashed, and thus the enemy were given no information.

Yet two separate reports concerned on the basis of these rules did sometimes tell the enemy what he wanted to know.

Thus, one censor passed that within a minute of raising a town in south-west England an enemy raider crashed in the sea just off the coast. Another censor passed for a different newspaper the fact that an enemy machine crashed off Dawlish. Put the two together and you know where the raiders struck.

It was the same technique of discovering the position of units that had to be guarded against by censors.

The locality but not the regiment of serving soldiers below the rank of lieutenant-colonel might be given, and some provincial papers gave lists of local soldiers and where they were serving—Middle East, India, Italy, etc.

On the other hand, if a man became a casualty his regiment could be mentioned, but not the locality.

Thus there might appear in one paper:

"Capt. Edward Smith, of Parkstone Hall Dorset, who is at present in Burma, is engaged to be married to Miss Brown."

A few weeks later there might appear in another paper under casualties:

"Smith—On active service, Captain Edward Smith, of Parkstone Hall, Dorset, Royal Berkshire Regiment, seriously injured."

The two items locate one or more battalions of the Royal Berkshire Regiment as being in Burma.

Little Flaws

It was precisely little flaws like this which the enemy searched for—and which we tried to conceal.

For example, when Miss Diana Talbot, daughter of the captain of H.M.S. *Ilustrious*, was married to Capt. A. L. S. Harris, R.M., we had to ask the Press to publish nothing but the names of the bride and bridegroom, the date, and the name of the town where the wedding was. Anything more would almost certainly have indicated the whereabouts of that important warship and the reason for her presence there.

Many warships were "adopted" by towns in England, which usually presented a piece of plate to the ship they had chosen. The local papers were very upset because they could not report the ceremony of presentation. But it was usually attended by a party of officers and men from the vessel, and a report would have given away the fact that she was in home waters.

For the same reason editors were asked that in reporting the names of naval personnel who were decorated at an investiture the men should not be described as "of H.M.S.," but that their awards should be stated to have been given "for services in H.M.S."

Again, consider a report of a football match which a team representing the Loamshire Regiment wins with a goal scored by Lt.-Col. Smith.

This would almost certainly give the enemy the name of the officer commanding one battalion of the Loamshires. So any further mention of Lt.-Col. Smith—perhaps that he shot a rare bird in India a year later—would give away the position of a battalion of the Loamshires.

That was why we made the rule that no ranks might be given in sports reports unless all members of the team were of the rank of major or below.

Passed

Then consider this item: "Guided by aircraft of Coastal Command and the Fleet Air Arm, British Naval units are searching for the German battle-cruiser *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*."

This was passed by a censor in 1941. He regarded it merely as a gloss on the statement already released that those raiders were at large. He thought it only indicated that the Navy was employing every possible means to track them down, and was not specific enough to convey any information.

But the inference was that the Navy knew the raiders were in or near home waters.

Why? Because Coastal Command aircraft would not be employed in "search" in the middle of the Atlantic.

Moreover, the expression "Fleet Air Arm" indicated that carriers were also being used for although cruiser aircraft are part of the Fleet Air Arm any search carried out by such aircraft was regarded as being carried out by the cruisers from which they were down off.

So a seemingly uninformative sentence, passed by the censor, was a good picture of what we knew and what we were doing.

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REJECTION OF ULTIMATUM Yugoslavia's Counter-Appeal To U. N.

New Twist To Diplomatic Clash

London, Aug. 24. Yugoslavia today rejected the United States ultimatum on the forcing down of foreign planes and announced that she would herself appeal to the United States against the alleged retention by the United States of Yugoslav ships. These two moves added a new twist to the most outspoken diplomatic clash of the postwar era, since earlier reports from Washington had described the release of United States airmen as in compliance with her demand.

The Belgrade Radio today quoted the Central Secretariat of the Republic as saying: "As these persons had already been released, Marshal Tito refused to accept the American note." The airmen, who had been held since Aug. 9, were released a few hours before the American note was delivered in Belgrade. The note had given Yugoslavia 48 hours to free the men before taking the dispute to the Security Council. The Belgrade Radio added that Yugoslavia had given the American authorities permission to recover the wreckage of the second plane which crashed on Aug. 19.

Blackmail
Yugo-Slavia's complaint against the United States was contained in a note to Dr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, asking him to place on the agenda the "unjustifiable retention of Yugo-Slav Danube ships by the American occupation authorities."

The ships, according to the Moscow Radio, are six passenger steamers, 16 tugs, 18 tankers and 119 barges, as well as seven pontoons, a crane and four other ships. They are described as "Yugo-Slav property present on the upper reaches of the Danube in the American occupation zones of Austria and Germany."

The Belgrade newspaper Glas today quoted an alleged statement by "responsible American quarters" that the ships would only be returned if Yugo-Slavia supported the American plan for internationalising the Danube. The paper called this "political machination and unprecedented blackmail."

Sense Of Outrage
While Washington circles were calling for the release of United States airmen and reported instructions from Marshal Tito against further shooting on foreign planes, the New York correspondent of the London paper, Evening News, said today diplomatic circles forecast that President Truman "will not be satisfied with anything less than a full apology and heavy compensation."

The Paris Radical newspaper, D'Aure, said that the Washington success "strikes a hard blow at the Soviet claim to the Mediterranean and Dardanelles."

In Washington, Mr. Robert Patterson, Secretary for War, expressed "intense indignation" over the shooting down of United States planes by Yugo-

near & Benediction: at 3.00 p.m. Meeting of the C.Y.W.A. Monday, at 8.30 p.m. Meeting of the C.Y.W.A. Thursday, at 6.00 p.m. Meeting of the Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer. (Men's Section) Friday, at 6.00 p.m. Meeting of the Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer. (Ladies' Section). Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. Catechism classes and Confessions for children. Weekdays, Masses at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.

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MOBILISATION REPORT DENIED

Prague, Aug. 24. It was officially announced in Prague today that the authors of a report announcing Yugoslavia's general mobilisation, which caused tension here last night, were being sought.

Yugoslav circles in Prague described the report, carried by an American News Agency from Belgrade, as "without foundation."—Reuter.

Meteor's Bid For Record

Tangmere, Aug. 24. Although weather conditions are not likely to be as favourable as forecast earlier, Captain Edward Donaldson said that he "will still make the attempt on the world air speed record today in the Star."

"Two o'clock in the afternoon seems to be the best time but the maximum temperature will be only 20 degrees Centigrade," he added.

"If that is combined with a bumpy day, as it well may be, it will make any sort of attempt impossible or not worth while doing. But it is a probability that I will make the attempt at two o'clock."

The attempt was originally fixed for last week but has been several times postponed. Squadron Leader William Waterton, second pilot in the bid, flew his own "Star" Gloster Meteor to the nearby Gloster Aircraft Company factory to correct an aerodynamic defect of the port wing. The machine may be ready to return to Tangmere today.

Turk Wounded
An American lieutenant then told the passengers to fasten on their parachutes. At that moment, a Turkish passenger screamed and fell bleeding profusely on the floor of the plane. The passengers all lay flat on the floor and finally the plane made a "masterly" forced landing. The Hungarians said.

After the landing, the passengers and crew got clear of the plane, and the Americans gave first aid to the wounded Turkish passenger.

While the party waited near the plane, a Yugo-Slav fighter circled repeatedly overhead but did not shoot.

Well Treated
Soon Yugo-Slav officers and soldiers came up and the wounded Turk was removed by ambulance. The remaining passengers and crew were taken in an army lorry to Ljubljana, where they were given food and "warming facilities in an officers' mess. The Yugo-Slav officers were most polite.

During the rest of their stay they were kept in the same house on an upper floor and allowed to go only on the roof. The Yugo-Slav gave them good food and treated them well, and they spent some of their time playing chess and table tennis.

When the passengers asked why they were kept imprisoned, the Yugo-Slavs answered that it did not depend on them, but they had orders "from the top."

U.S. Parade

Moscow radio said today that Lieut-Gen John Lee, the United States Army commander in Italy, and the deputy supreme Allied Commander of the Mediterranean, took the salute at a parade of 10,000 United States troops on the Yugo-Slav border. "The holding of the parade, with such considerable forces at the very time when the American notes were sent to Yugo-Slavia can leave no doubt about its aims or purposes," the radio said.—Reuter.

U.S. Naval Moves In Europe

London, Aug. 24. Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the United States 8th Fleet now in the Mediterranean, and second in command in the Atlantic, arrived here today with Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, to start a tour of American naval installations in Germany, France and Italy. "There is no political significance in the trip," Admiral Mitscher told a press conference.

He parried questions concerning the situation in the Mediterranean, saying "you are asking things I cannot answer." Admiral H. K. Hewitt, commander of the United States naval forces in Europe, said: "Do not get the idea that there are going to be any special manoeuvres planned in the Mediterranean. After all, we are still at war as the treaty has not been signed, and the forces down there are still operating under the same wartime command. Naturally there is training to keep up efficiency—but no special manoeuvres."—Associated Press.

JEWS PLEAD IN LONDON

London, Aug. 24. A deputation led by Rabbi Judah Untermyer, leader of the Mizrahi Zionist organisation, called at the Colonial Office today to plead for clemency in the case of 18 Jewish youths under sentence of death in Palestine.

The youths are members of the Stern gang recently condemned for acts of terrorism. The deputation was received by Sir George Cater, the Permanent head of the Colonial Office.—Reuter.

Jews Escape From Haifa Camp

Jerusalem, Aug. 24. An undisclosed number of Jewish illegal immigrants escaped from Athlit clearance camp near Haifa last night, it was learned from a usually reliable source tonight. British troops and police with the aid of police dogs, were hunting the immigrants.

Meanwhile, a party of Jews training with a Bren gun, was discovered near Nathanya, halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa, by British troops and police, who were combing the orange groves tonight.

Two were captured on the spot but the others got away. Royal Air Force reconnaissance units took part in the search and it is believed that seven Jews are now being sought.—Reuter.

UNREST IN ALGIERS

London, Aug. 24. Algerian members caused an uproar in the French Constituent Assembly by alleging that French settlers in Algeria were exploiting the local population, according to the Paris Radio.

One member caused an angry scene when he asked: "Am I a French subject or a French citizen?" Mr. Rene Mayer, Deputy for the Algerian Government of Constantine, said that the unrest in Algeria was caused by the troubled political situation disturbing the production while the population was increasing at the rate of 150,000 per annum.—Reuter.



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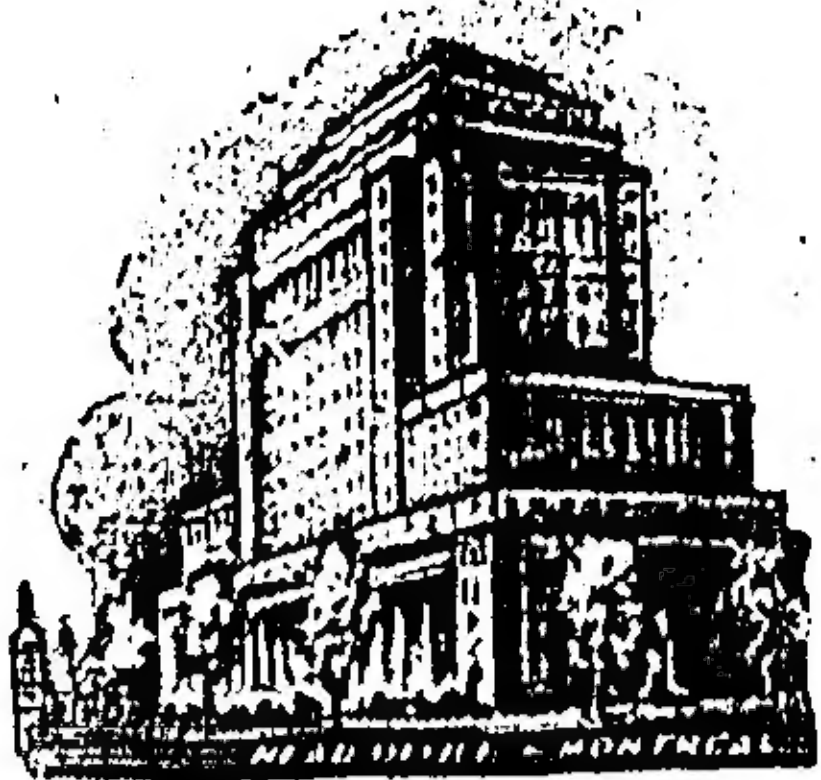
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Exceeding 45 minutes but not exceeding 1 hour	9.60
For every subsequent quarter of an hour or part thereof	2.40
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An additional regulation says that the master of a motor-boat plying for hire shall not demand more than the official fare, nor shall he refuse to take a passenger, except for some reasonable cause, anywhere within harbour limits.

Have You Lost A Watch?

Described as a "lone wolf", an 18-year-old unemployed, Pang Chi, was arrested on Friday when he snatched a gold wrist watch from a Chinese woman, Leung Chun, in Wellington Street.

Enquiries revealed that Pang had been responsible for six previous cases of a similar nature. The victims were all women.

Brought before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Pang was charged on seven counts of larceny from the person between July 20 and Aug. 21.

Inspector H. Sell said that all the watches were recovered from watch shops. One of them belonged to Miss Elma Kelly, while the other five are awaiting claimants at the Central Police Station.

Defending counsel pleaded that due to the illness of accused's mother, most of the money had been spent. Accused was not a member of a gang. The case was adjourned till tomorrow for consideration of sentence.

STREET WOMEN ROUNDED UP

Another big round up of street women in the Central District was carried out by the Police with the cooperation of the Military Provost unit on Friday evening, in Chater Road, Connaught Road near the Supreme Court and Connaught Road Central, resulting in the arrest of five women.

Before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the women were charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose.

Inspector S. Smith prosecuted said that following recent complaints by residents, a surprise raid was carried out every evening with the cooperation of the Military Police.

After being warned the accused were all discharged.

OPIUM DEN RAIDED

Continuing the anti-drug campaign, the Police again raided one of the largest opium dens in the Central District and arrested 20 men and women, including the keeper, on Friday evening, at No. 5, Lee Yuen Street East, first floor.

The keeper, Yip Ching, was fined \$2,000 or 12 months' hard labour.

Sixteen smokers were cautioned, while 12 absentees had their bail of \$50 each estreated.

Inspector S. Smith stated that 13 beds, 15 pipes and lamps were found on the premises.

A sum of \$99.00 picked up during the raid was placed in the Poor Box.

Another Chinese, Chan Kan, of No. 25, Wing Kut Street, third floor, was remanded until Monday, when Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the defence.

OPIUM HIDDEN IN BASKET

For carrying four tins of raw opium in the false bottom of a rattan basket, a young Chinese woman, Chan Fuk-hui, was fined \$800 or three months' hard labour by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The Speaker at the Hong Kong Rotary Club's luncheon on Tuesday, at the Gloucester Hotel, Top Floor, at 12.45 p.m., will be Mr. J. O. Meyer. His subject will be "The Victory Parade".

For the second time in the history of Kai Tak airport a four-engined American-built Skymaster airplane landed yesterday afternoon, marking the inaugural flight of a new Philippines-China air service.

When Senor Eugenio Lopez, financial magnate of Boilo and Manila and President of the Far Eastern Air Transport Incorporated, arrived here last Wednesday to discuss the opening of his new service, it was said by R.A.F. officials that plans had been cancelled owing to the unsuitability of Kai Tak runways for the landing of Skymasters.

Permission, however, was later received by Mr. Lopez from the Director of Civil Aviation for his planes to land up to a weight of 75,000 lbs.

At 1.45 p.m. yesterday, the American pilot Skymaster landed—two and three quarter hours behind schedule owing to a delay in Manila caused by the late arrival of a radio technician. The trip was made in three hours ten minutes flying time with 50 passengers aboard.

Although the aircraft made a neat landing from out of a cloudless sky, it was unfortunate that the pilot did not know the runway he landed on was under repair for potholes by the R.A.F.

Mrs. E. Lopez, dark haired, attractive wife of the Air Line's president, who arrived in the airplane told the "China Mail": "We had a fine trip from Manila, although it was raining when we took off."

First Flight

Mrs. Lopez was personally accompanied by Mr. Vicente Arenas,

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were gazetted yesterday:

Mr. C. W. Trease to act as Deputy Estate Duty Commissioner.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon K. C. to be a temporary additional Judge of the Supreme Court.

Mr. A. J. Clifford to be Crown Counsel.

Dr. Isaac Newton to act as Deputy Director of Medical Services.

Official J.P.s.

The following have been appointed official Justices of the Peace for Hong Kong:

Dr. Alan Harold Barwell, Mr. John Tunstall Burdett, Mr. Chung King-pul, Mr. Arthur James Clifford, Mr. John James Cowperthwaite, Mr. Christopher Paul d'Almeida e Castro, Mr. Archibald Henry Elston, Mr. John Forbes, Mr. Trevor Victor Norman Fortescue, Dr. George Graham-Cumming, Dr. Edward Ian Ronald Hackett, Mr. Geoffrey Cadzow Hamilton, Mr. Harold Rupert Hirst, Mr. David Ronald Holmes, M.B.E., M.C., Mr. Alfred Lonsdale, Mr. Richard Percy Morris, Mr. Colin George Mervyn Morrison, Mr. Albert James Robert Moss, Mr. Cuthbert James Norman, Mr. Eric William Pudney, Mr. Thomas Richmond Rowell, Mr. Edward Hardwicke Sainsbury, Mr. George Edward Strickland, Mr. Ivan Bernard Trevor, M.C., Mr. Arthur St. George Walton, Mr. William Gerald Wormald and Mr. George Allan Rodney Wright-Nooth.

Port Executive

The Government yesterday announced the composition of the Port Executive Committee as follows:

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LOCAL FISHERMEN HARD HIT

Government control over fresh fish has proved to be a heavy blow to local fishermen in more ways than one.

It has served to bring to an end a custom which has long existed between fishermen and the fish "loans".

Interviewed by the "China Mail" on the subject of the petition presented to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs on Aug. 20, a prominent member of the local fish loans stated that it had been a custom for the loans to make advances to fishermen in time of need or during the off season. These advances carried no interest and were repaid by "catches" delivered to the loans by fishermen during the fishing season.

With Government control over fish and the resultant inability of fishermen to deliver fish direct to loans in repayment

of advances, the latter have been compelled to cease granting loans.

It is understood, however, that the predicament in which fishermen have been placed is fully appreciated by Government and that consideration is being given to the institution of a credit system whereby fishermen may be assisted financially. If this scheme materializes, fishermen will, on compliance with certain formalities, be granted the loans they require.

The "China Mail" was also informed that as fishermen are known to be free and open-handed where money is concerned and seldom put away anything for a rainy day, a system of compulsory saving will also be introduced for their benefit.

GENERAL LO LEAVES

General Lo Chong-ying, Provincial Governor of Kwangtung, and Madame Lo, returned to Canton yesterday morning by special plane.

They were seen off at Queen's Pier by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young.

TOC H CONCERT

The first part of the concert to be presented at the Toc H Services Club, 81, Andrews, Nathan Road, Kowloon this evening will be devoted to works by Handel and the second to Mozart and Rimsky-Korsakov. The programme, which commences at eight o'clock will include the following:

Suite de Ballet—"The Origin of Deities"—played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
"Old Had I Jubal's Lyre" and "Angels even Bright and Fair" sung by Daniel Baillie.
"Pastoral Symphony"—The Messiah—played by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maurice Miles.
Sonata No. 4 in E Major with Violin Menuhin and Hendrik Endt.
Horn Concerto No. 4 in E flat by Mozart and played by Dennis Heald and the Halle Orchestra.
"Scherzando"—by Rimsky-Korsakov with Leopold Stokowski conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra.
There will also be a Forces Service with community singing at 8.15 at the Club.

More Commodity Prices Fixed

A further long list of commodities added to the Price Control appeared in the Gazette yesterday. The list includes cigarettes, chocolate, bacon, ham, poultry, soap and shoes.

Cigarettes.	(Max. Retail Price)
Capstan (per pkt. of 10)	\$0.40
Capstan (per tin of 50)	2.00
Capstan, Magnums	2.50
Players (per tin of 50)	2.00
Royal Leaf (per pkt. of 20)	.40
Foodstuffs.	(Max. Retail Price)
Cadbury's Dairy Milk Chocolate (per 1/2 lb. block)	\$1.60
Cadbury's Bournville Cocoa (per 1 lb. tin)	2.50
Cadbury's Bournville Cocoa (per 1/2 lb. tin)	1.30
Cadbury's Bournville Cocoa (per 1/4 lb. tin)	3.80
Kingsford's Cornstarch (per lb.)	.80
Meat	(Max. Retail Price per lb.)
Australian Bacon—	
Middle Whole	\$2.75
Middle Slices	3.00
Shoulder Whole	2.30
Shoulder Back Cut	2.50
Shoulder End Cut	1.80
Shoulder Slices	2.60
Shoulder Shank Cut	2.40
Australian Ham—	
Whole (12-16 lbs.)	3.00
Shank End	3.25
Middle Cut	4.00
Butt End	2.75
Australian Lamb—	
Lags	1.40
Loins	1.40
Chops Trimmed	1.65
Shoulders	1.10
Breasts	.50
Middle Neck	.90
Scrag	.20
Liver	1.20
Kidneys	1.70
Australian Poultry—	
Chickens (4-6 lbs.)	3.00
Ducks	2.90
Boiling Fowl	2.40
Soap.	(Max. Retail Price including duty)
Cuticura	\$0.90
Protex	.50
Neko	1.20
Rexona	.65
Wrights-Coal Tar	.75
Rubber Sole Canvas Walking Shoes—Manufactured by the Wolfe Co.	
(Max. Retail Price per pair)	
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Spectacular R.A.F. M/T Depot Fire

A spectacular fire at the R.A.F. Motor Depot in Garden Road yesterday morning almost completely destroyed a garage and badly damaged several vehicles.

The carelessness of a young Chinese, who attempted to light a cigarette while carrying a bundle of petrol-soaked cotton waste, is believed to have caused the outbreak.

The building affected was the one at the Lower Albert Road end of the Depot. The entire structure, which was of wood, was completely gutted except for the R.A.F. Office which is at the western end of the building.

Prompt action on the part of the Royal Navy, H.M. Naval Dockyard and the Civil Fire Brigade resulted in the fire being brought under control at about 1 p.m.

An R.A.F. motor ambulance, a motor cycle, a jeep and a motor car were badly damaged by the fire. A large number of large sized tires of a type used by military trucks were also badly charred.

The flames seared the row of trees between the building and the P.W.D. offices in Lower Albert Road.

The Chinese was severely burned and was rushed to hospital.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the Labour Officer, agreement was reached between employers and representatives of the Ship's Painters' Union to maintain the present standard of wages, that is \$8 a day. The men are being asked by the Union to return to work.

Sze To-lim and Yu Hang were each fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K. C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the theft of 71 pieces of glass from the Taihook Sugar Refinery on Friday evening.

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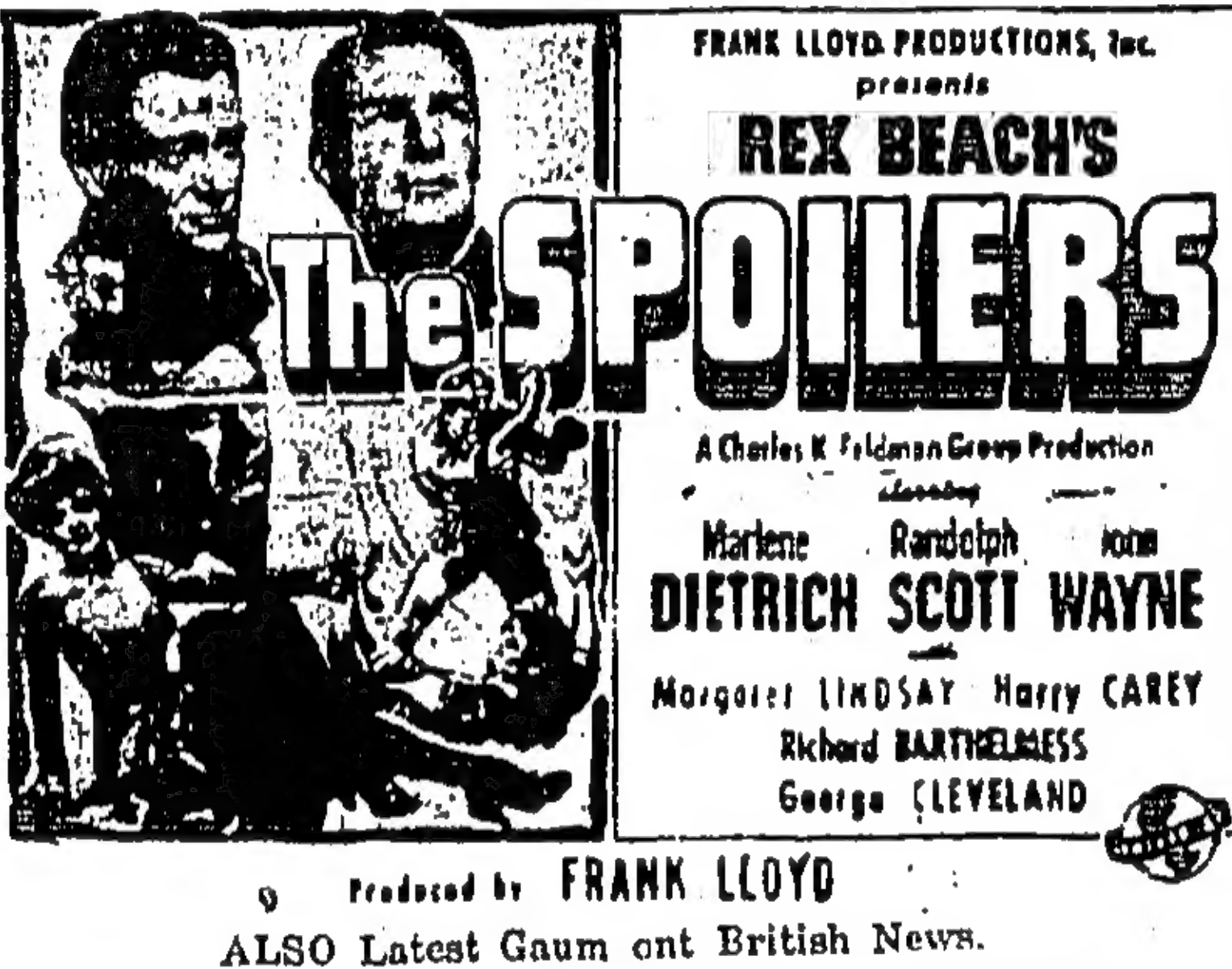
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Small Powers The Big Four

Paris, Aug. 24.

The four major powers at the Peace Conference, supported by the Slav group, were defeated today in the first treaty test when a small-power amendment to their proposed Italian treaty preamble was won in Committee by 11 to 9.

The amendment, put forward by the Netherlands and supported by the British Empire delegations, changed a phrase which had noted Italy's war declarations.

Instead of the Council of Ministers' phrase saying Italy "declared a war of aggression and entered into war" with the Allies, a phrase to which the Big Four were committed, the Italian Political and Territorial Commission voted to substitute "undertook a war of aggression and thereby provoked a state of war."

The Ministers Council members—the United States, Britain, France, and Russia—backed by Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Byelorussia and Ukraine, were the only votes against the amendment.

In the pre-vote discussion, in which Australia, New Zealand and South Africa spoke for the Netherlands amendment, only Russia, Yugoslavia and Byelorussia spoke against it—Russia twice—while the non-Slav members of the Big Four remained silent.

Made Issue

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky then made it an issue of Big Four solidarity, concluding his second defense of the original phrasing with the words, "I hope that the other members of the Council of Foreign Ministers will also stand by this text."

After the balloting, James C. Dunn, United States Ambassador to Italy, briefly broke his silence to explain his vote by a mild statement that he had thought the amendment "unnecessary."

Following the successful test of Ministers Council solidarity, Yugoslavia withdrew an amendment—which would have given Italy "full" responsibility for her entry into the war rather than a "share" of responsibility—when opposition to it was expressed. Previously Yugoslavia had withdrawn an amendment, not read, to the first paragraph listing the Italian treaty signatories—which presumably would have added Albania to the list.

Not Sacrosanct

The question of whether the Ministers Council members held to a commitment to their proposed text then broke wide open when there was unanimous support for a Chinese amend-

ment to the third paragraph, the last voted.

The amendment softened a phrase, protested against by Italy, which said that the Italian Fascist regime was overthrown "under the pressure of military events" making it "in consequence of the victories of the Allied forces and with the assistance of the Democratic elements of the Italian people."

Noting the unanimity on changing the text, W. R. Hodgson of Australia—the small powers' champion—jumped up to say that "no longer is this document sacrosanct."

The Soviet and British spokesmen retorted that they had never considered it as such, in a series of lengthy explanations that ended the meeting.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

Students of safety technique will see a new wrinkle in this week's story of crime.

North Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

S. Q 9 6 2

H. K J 8

D. K 7

C. K J 6 5

S. —

H. 7 4 3 2

D. Q J 9 8 6 2

C. 8 7 3

S. A K 8 5 4

H. A 10 9

D. A 4 3

C. 4

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1S. Pass

SS. Pass 6S. Pass

Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, dummy winning with the King. The Queen of spades revealed the bad trump breaks and another spade lead found East splitting his honours and South winning with the King. South then cashed the diamond Ace and ruffed a diamond in dummy, but East over-ruffed and returned his last trump. South then cashed the top clubs and ruffed a club, hoping the club Queen would drop. When that plan failed, South managed to count that West had started with four hearts while East had held only three. South therefore played West for the heart Queen and was set one trick.

A bridge crime has been committed, ladies and gentlemen. Can you spot the crime and the criminal before you read any more?

South was the criminal, for he should have made his slam contract without having to guess any finesse. He should have won the first trick in his own hand, the next with the spade Queen, and the third with a spade finesse. Then dummy could be re-entered with the diamond King for another trump finesse. Next South would ruff his last diamond and East would over-ruff—with his last trump. At that point East would have to return a heart or a club, thus giving South a free finesse. South could not prevent East from over-ruffing the diamond, it's true, but he could have made the over-ruff take place at a time when East had no safe return.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. K 8 2

H. Q 6

D. A J 7 3

C. K 9 4 2

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Maier

1C. Pass 1D. Pass

INT. Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You are determined to get to a game contract, but should not neglect the chance of making game at a minor. This bid offers your partner some choice, whereas a jump to three no-trump would be a final decision. Score 700 per cent for three clubs, 70 per cent for three no-trump, 50 per cent for two no-trump.

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Defeat

NATIONALISATION OF COAL

London, Aug. 24.

Emanuel Shinwell, British Minister of Fuel and Power, declared in a speech today that the coal industry will be taken over by the Government before the end of this year.

Referring to British coal production, Mr. Shinwell said: "We have to do better. We have been living in the sellers' market but one of these days we will meet with intense competition and when that day comes we must be in a position to cope with the situation."—Reuter.

Ate Three U.S. P.O.Ws.

Guam, Aug. 23.

High Japanese Army and Navy officers participated in the murder of eight American prisoners of war and then ate the flesh of three of their victims, Navy Lieutenant Daniel Flynn testified at the trial of 14 Japanese before a United States military commission here.

The Japanese are up on seven charges of murder and three of cannibalism. The crimes are alleged to have taken place in the Bonin Islands from August of 1944 to March of 1945.

Lieutenant Flynn accused Lieutenant-General Hoshio Tachibana, Vice-Admiral Kunizo Mori, Captain Shizuo Yoshii, Major Suesu Matoba and a Lieutenant-General Sogai Isogai of cannibalism.

Flynn charged that it was part of the general plan originated by Lieutenant-General Tachibana to increase the fighting spirit of his forces.—Associated Press.

Good Relations Of Labour Parties

Paris, Aug. 24.

A warm tribute to the excellent relations between the Australian Labour Party and the British Labour Party was paid by Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, today.

He was speaking in an interview on the eve of his return from the Paris Conference to Australia.

In spite of differences necessarily arising from time to time, there was agreement about fundamentals and there was the closest contact between the British Commonwealth delegations. Dr. Evatt said he was glad they had reached the stage when Australia was no longer considered by the world as a rubber stamp of Whitehall, but as a self-reliant partner.—Reuter.

U.S. Warships Go To Naples

Gibraltar, Aug. 24.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt, 45,000-ton aircraft carrier, and other United States warships which arrived here from Lisbon yesterday sailed this morning for Naples.

Vice-Admiral Bernard H. Beir, Commander of the United States Mediterranean Naval Forces, was aboard one of the warships, his flagship, the light cruiser Fargo (10,000 tons).

The other ships were the light cruiser Little Rock and destroyers Warrington, Perry, Corry and Cane.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt is expected to visit Tugler in the middle of September.—Reuter.

ROYAL PAINTINGS FOR U.S.

Southampton, Aug. 24.

Oil paintings worth \$500,000, belonging to King George VI, and including works of John Constable, William Hogarth and Joseph Turner, arrived here today on their way to the United States and Canada.

The paintings (worth \$2,000,000) are being lent by the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Tate and National Galleries for exhibition in Chicago, New York and Toronto.—Reuter.

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Further Depreciation Of Chinese Dollar

London, Aug. 24.

The Economist today writes: The further heavy depreciation of the Chinese dollar surprised nobody. The hopes that the devaluation last March might make the Chinese currency undervalued was based upon the possibility that improving internal transport and reviving imports might relieve the acute shortages at ports, especially Shanghai, that new taxes and customs revenue might brake inflationary financing and that an internal truce might help to restore confidence.

Exchanges In London

On New York 4,025, 4,035, Montreal 4,02, 4,04, Zurich 17,34, 17,35, Stockholm 14,47, 14,50, Buenos Aires unquoted, Brazil 75,4410, Brazil (sellers) unquoted, Uruguay unquoted, Belgium 167,60, Paris & French Empire 470,60, 480,30, Syria 881, 885, Lisbon 59,80, 100,20, Swiss Bank Notes Middle 17,25, 17,50, Netherlands West India 7,68, Holland 10,63, Panama 4,02, 4,04, Denmark 10,32, 19,36, Prague 201, 202, Norway 19,98, 20,02.

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Bank of England clearing Rates: Madrid 44,00, Italy 71,25, Free market Rates: India 17,94, 18,06, Australia 125, 125,50, New Zealand 124,37, 125, South Africa 100, 100,50, Toheran 128, 130, Alexandria 97,375, 97,625, Singapore 2/4-1/32, 2/4-1/4, Hongkong 1/16, 1/3-1/16, Philippines 8,10, 8,15, Rangoon 1/6-1/16, 1/6-1/16, Shanghai unquoted.

Special A/C Rates: Lima 26,10, 16,10, Lapaz 168,82, 170,32, Valparaiso 100,825, 101,300, Turkey 520.

Central American A/C Rates: Mexico 19,45, 19,65, Bogota 7,00, 7,06.—Reuter.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES

London, Aug. 23.
Day to Day Loan 1/2 per cent.
Short Money 3/4 to 1 per cent.
Bank Bills, 3 Months 17/32 per cent.
Bank Bills, 6 Months 9/16 to 5/8 per cent.
Fine Trade Bills, 3 Months 1 to 1-1/2 per cent.
Trade Bills, 6 Months 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 per cent.
Treasury Bills, 2 Months 1/2 to 17/32 per cent.
Treasury Bills, 3 Months 1/2 to 17/32 per cent.—Reuter.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, Aug. 23.
Cotton futures moved higher in moderately active dealings. Predictions by Washington officials of a 3% to 4% percent increase in cotton textile ceilings in September encouraged some buying.

Futures closed \$1.35 to \$1.85 a bale higher.

Oct. 35.95, Dec. 35.96-98, March 35.75-80, May 35.42, July 34.85-92, Oct. 32.62 bid, Middling spot 36.80 nominal.—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Aug. 23.
Heavy marketing of hogs and a statement by the Secretary of Agriculture emphasizing the improved outlook for world food crops caused expanded selling in grain futures.

A drop in futures contrasted with the cash market where prices generally firmed.

Corn finished 1-1/4th lower; oats 1/2th lower; December barley higher. Other barley was untraded.—Associated Press.

REUTERS U.K. INDEX

London, Aug. 23.	
Industrials	154.3
Railways	114.0
Home Ralls	92.4
Commodity	283.5

BOMBAY SILVER & GOLD

Bombay, Aug. 23.	
Silver, Ready	100 00
Silver, Forward	105 00
Gold Delivery	95 14
Gold Forward	95 04
Sovereigns	66 00

London, Aug. 23.
Silver, Spot, per 100 oz 55-1/2d.
Silver, Forward, per 100 oz 55-1/2d.
Gold, 1/2oz, per 100 oz 177 1/2.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, Aug. 23.

Any benefits which might have been derived from better relations between the United States and Yugoslavia were early counteracted by the overnight slump on Wall Street on the London stocks market today.

However, as the day progressed, this influence was forgotten though there was no wide expansion of business. There was fairly good provincial inquiry over a broad list of industries, with tobacco, textiles and breweries favoured, while provinces made inquiries on some home railway issues.

Following early uncertainties, South African gold mines rallied on Cape recently into the market while the same centre became interested in diamonds.

British funds caused occasional by 1/16th lower but no features appeared on foreign bonds.

Consols, 2 1/2 per cent 1945/75 96 1/2, Conversion Loan, 3 1/2 per cent 106-15/16, New War Loan, 3 per cent 106 1/2, Victory Bonds, 4 per cent 118 1/2, German Loan, 7 per cent (Dawes) 10 1/2, Japanese Bonds, 5 per cent, 1907 21, Canton-Kowloon Railway 22, Tientsin-Pukow Railway 5 per cent 24, Lung-Keung U. K. Ry. 5 per cent 1913 21, Reorg. Loan, 5 per cent 1913 (London Iss) 46, Crisp Loan, 5 per cent, 1911 44, Hu-Kuang Railway, 5 per cent, 1911 26, Honan Railway, 5 per cent, 1905 30, Shanghai-Nanking Railway, 5 per cent 27, Mercantile Bank of India, "A" 22 1/2, Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. 13-7/16, H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation 31, Lydenberg Estates 120/3, South Africa Townships 31 1/2, Selection Trust 46/4, South Africa Townships 11/8, Canadian Pacific 22-9/16, Mexican Eagles 14/3.—Reuter.

New York Exchanges

New York, Aug. 23.
American A/C sterling 4.03-7/16, 4.03-9/16, American A/C sterling 3 Months 4.03-7/16, 4.03-9/16, On Sweden 27.83, 27.85, France 84, 84-1/4, Switzerland (Official) 24.00, 24.25, Switzerland (Free) 23.75, 24.00, Spain 9.20, Portugal 4.04b, 4.06a, Australia 3.23, New Zealand 3.25, South Africa 4.02-1/2, British East Africa 20.25, India 30.33, China 3.320b, 3.350a, Argentine (Official) 29.78, Argentina (Free) 24.70, 24.80, Brazil 5.45, Bolivia (Official) 2.00, Bolivia (Free) 2.38, Chile (Official) 0.16, Chile (Free) 0.25, Chile (Export) 4.00, Colombia 56.98, Cuba 100, Ecuador 7.00a, Guatemala 100, Holland 37.78, Mexico 20.60, 20.63, Peru 15.50a, Uruguay 56.00b, Venezuela 28.90, Netherlands West Indies 53.05, Dutch Guiana 53.35, Montreal on London 4.02, Montreal on New York 97.125, Swiss Bank Notes rate 28.00, 30.00, Belgian Franc 2.28-3/8, 2.28-7/8.—Reuter.



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No Arrests In Mass Murder Mystery

No arrests have yet been made by the Police in connection with the mass murder on Wednesday night of a Chinese, his daughter, cook and office boy at 271 Des Voeux Road, Central.

Inspector McCahay, Chief of Central Branch of the C.I.D., took charge of the case himself immediately after the bodies were discovered on Thursday afternoon. Up to a late hour last night, however, no arrests had been made.

The "Sunday Herald" understands that as yet the police are without a clue as to the identity of the murderers—believed to have been two in number, with possibly more accomplices outside—though the fact that nothing was apparently stolen lends ground to the original belief that the move was simply one of vengeance.

All four victims were shot after being bound, and the noise of a gun party in another flat on the floor above, plus the racket of a long string of fire-crackers set off in the street during the evening, effectively drowned out the sound of the shots.

"Pres. Polk" On Round-World Luxury Cruise

San Francisco, Aug. 24. Brightly painted in gray, blue and white, house colours of the American President Lines, the "President Polk" sailed for the Orient yesterday afternoon in her first around-the-world luxury cruise from this port in nearly five years.

The 16,715-ton vessel served during the war as a naval transport after her maiden voyage was cut short 20 minutes after leaving the dock on Dec. 1941.

The "President Polk" will touch Shanghai, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Pandy, Colombo, Bombay, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles and New York.

Among the passengers are John C. Cotton, head of the National Resources Commission of Chungking; Arthur Huffman, Educational Adviser on the Royal Afghanistan Government; Carlos Nicholson, Peruvian Ambassador to China; Mrs. Maria Yancoulat, wife of the Greek Ambassador to China; Mrs. Leonie Guzman Sanchez, wife of the Dominican Republic Minister to China; Sister Dhammadianna, Buddhist nun, formerly Baroness Alexandra de Heaumont; Mrs. Waldo Drake, wife of the Asiatic bureau manager of the "Los Angeles Times"; and Robert Trumbull, "New York Times" correspondent assigned to Singapore.—Associated Press.

U.S. Lays Down Ship Sale Terms

Washington, Aug. 24. The Maritime Commission today announced further terms of sale for foreign buyers of wartime-built American merchant ships.

These included provisions that: (1) Foreign Governments at present operating United States owned tonnage as the same type they want to buy, will be required to accept the tonnage they have as well as additional vessels required, unless they show that their present ships are unsatisfactory through no fault of the applicant.

(2) Where any foreign applicant requests strengthening of any Liberty ship he proposes to buy, 50 percent of the cost will be borne by the United States, up to \$15,000, but the ship's selling price will be adjusted to its strengthened condition.—Associated Press.

Jerusalem, Aug. 24. The British Army authorities are planning to take over the large YMCA centre opposite the King David Hotel, wrecked by terrorist military headquarters.

Russians Didn't Want British Help

London, Aug. 24. The formation of an Iran and Iraq Command of the British Army in August, 1942, to forestall as possible invasion of Iran if the Germans were successful in their south Russian advance is described in a despatch from General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Commander-in-Chief of the new command, published today.

The decision to form the new command, it was disclosed, was made during the visit of Mr. Winston Churchill, then premier, to the Middle East.

New P. & O. Liner

London, Aug. 24. A new 29,000-ton liner, the "Himalaya," is being built at the Vickers Armstrong shipbuilding yard at Barrow-in-Furness for the P. & O. India-Australia Service.

When the vessel is completed early in 1948 she will have accommodation for nearly 1,200 passengers, space for 235,000 cubic feet of refrigerated cargo and engines capable of developing 42,500 horse-power, giving a speed of over 23 knots.

This will enable the time taken for the voyage between Britain and Australia to be considerably reduced.

The Himalaya is the third P. & O. vessel to bear the same name. The other two were both famous ships, built in 1893 and 1892.—Reuter.

"Rebel" Police Hunted

Milan, Aug. 24. Thirty "rebel" police of the town of Asti were still being hunted today by a force of armed police, troops with field and machine guns and armoured cars, who have cordoned off the Monteforte Hills, about 60 miles southwest of Milan, where the "rebels" (who are demanding the dismissal of all former Fascists) are believed to be hiding.

The police, under Capt. Carlo Lavignolo, took to the hills on Wednesday when their dismissal was ordered by the Italian Ministry of the Interior. They have joined a group of discontented ex-partisans said to number 500 centred on the village of Santo Stefano Belbo.—Reuter.

Maryknoll Appointments

Vatican City, Aug. 24. The "Osservatore Romano," Vatican City newspaper, says the General Chapter of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (which is popularly known as the Maryknoll Mission) chose Monsignor Raymond A. Lane, new Bishop of Foshan, Manchuria, as the new Superior of the Order.

Assistant Generals chosen included Father John O'Donnell. Delegates to the Chapter meeting came from China, Japan, Korea, Manchuria, the Philippines, Hawaii, Central America and the United States.—Associated Press.

AROUND THE WORLD

Rangoon, Aug. 24. Demonstrations organized by the Anti-Fascist League "against the Government's repressive measures against the people, the press and some organisations," were staged in Rangoon today. Carrying red Communist banners, Burmese participants in a number of processions in the respective localities shouting Nationalist slogans such as "We want complete independence."—Reuter.

London, Aug. 24. Soviet trade union newspapers, quoting the "progressive" Persian newspaper Rahbar, today accused the management of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company of sending huge sums of money to Iran to incite attacks on the trade unions. "We demand the arrest and deportation of trade union leaders as well as the dismissal of active rank and file trade union members," has taken place in the oilfields in southern Persia, the newspaper said.—Reuter.

In the despatch, which is dated April 8, 1943, Sir Henry states that the German advance into Egypt simultaneously with the initial German successes in south Russia made it impossible for the time being to move British troops rapidly from Egypt to Iran which was the basis of all previous plans for the defence of Iran. It led in fact to the withdrawal of troops and equipment from the 10th Army to reinforce the 8th Army in Egypt.

It was estimated, says the despatch, that given the most favourable conditions the Germans might reach the River Araxes in northern Iran by late October and if the defence of Iran was not strengthened they might strike at the oil fields and installations at the head of the Persian Gulf, on whose security the Allied war effort in the Middle East, India and the Far East largely depended.

Soviet Objected
His two tasks, General Wilson says were: First, to secure at all costs from land and air attacks, oil fields and oil installations in Iran and Iraq. Second, to ensure the transport from the Persian Gulf to Russia of supplies to a maximum extent possible without prejudicing his primary task.

He points out that it would have been preferable for British air and land forces to give direct assistance to the Russian defence in the Caucasus. Great distances and lack of communications, however, would have prevented any forces used in this way from being strong enough, he states and adds: "Furthermore, unwillingness of the Russians to accept this form of assistance rendered such a course impracticable."

He adds the primary and secondary tasks were somewhat in conflict because the former called for intense administrative preparation of the Iranian lines of communication which could only be carried out at a cost curtailing deliveries to Russia of the urgently needed supplies.

Allied Shortage
The only troops immediately available in Iran and Iraq to meet the German invasion were two Indian divisions and one Indian armoured division, all below strength and short of transport. The Polish Army in the east was in the course of formation and two British divisions were diverted to the command. They were to be followed by the 7th British Armoured Brigade from India and the 5th Indian and 3rd Carpathian Polish Divisions from the Middle East.

The shortage of vehicles limited all operational planning.

After describing his plan for stopping any German advance from the north before they could strike at the oil fields, General Wilson says: "By November, 1942, the opening of the Allied offensive had rendered a German thrust during winter almost impossible."—Reuter.

Famous Names In Court

Sydney, Aug. 24. Three men bearing the names of famous political leaders appeared before the Parramatta Court today.

Winston Churchill Fairlie, 46, labourer, was sentenced to one month's jail for vagrancy, and fined \$3.10s. for indecent language.

Joseph Chamberlain Moon was charged with having used insulting words. He was remanded until Sept. 17.

Francisco Franco was fined for negligent driving. He lodged an appeal but did not appear at the court, and the appeal was dismissed.—Reuter.

The four accused (Leung Pak-yan, Tang Fui, Ho Ming-yun and Cheung Hang) in the diamond robbery case were discharged by Mr. Justice Lo in the Kowloon Court yesterday when he said that there was insufficient evidence to proceed against them.

BRADMAN FIT

Adelaide, Aug. 24. Don Bradman, firmly believes he will be fit to play against England in the coming tour. It was disclosed here that he turned down an offer which is reported to be in the region of £2,000, which W. J. O'Reilly accepted, to write on the five tests for a London newspaper, having considered the question for about a fortnight. He declined to say when he felt he would be likely to resume play extensively.—Reuter.

"JET" RECORD BIDS DELAYED

Tangmore, Aug. 24. With timing officials warned to stand by for an attempt by Group/Capt. E. M. Donaldson on the world air speed record today, it was disclosed with less than an hour to go that owing to the twisting and buckling of the fuselage of G/Capt. Donaldson's "Star" motor jet plane under the terrific strain of high speed tests, the attempt had to be postponed.

"If the plane had been flown at speed," said the Group/Captain, "the fuselage would in all probability have broken in two." No attempt can now be made on the record before Monday.—Reuter.

ENQUIRY INTO CALCUTTA RIOTS

Calcutta, Aug. 24. A thorough inquiry will be held into the Calcutta Hindu-Muslim riots as soon as conditions permit, by an authority that will command universal confidence, it was announced today by the Chief Minister of Bengal, H. S. Suhrawardy.

The Bengal Government also propose reintroducing precautionary measures next Thursday if there is any sign of disturbance on the Muslim festival which ends the Ramadan fast.—Reuter.

CONSTELLATIONS BACK IN AIR

New York, Aug. 24. Constellation planes, which were ordered to be grounded several weeks ago after a crash have received a certificate of airworthiness and the first of them is expected to leave here tomorrow afternoon.

The certificate was issued after specified modification in the planes were carried out. The British Overseas Airways which grounded its Constellation when the United States Airlines were ordered to do so is expected to resume its Constellation service about Sept. 11.—Reuter.

The Gestapo More Sinned Against?

(By G. K. Hodenfield)

Nuernberg, Aug. 24. A plea that a verdict against the Gestapo would be unjust to thousands of guiltless men was made to the War Crimes Tribunal today by Dr. Rudolf Merkel, defence counsel for the Nazi secret police organization.

Concluding his speech for the defence, Dr. Merkel said, "God would not have destroyed Sodom if he had been able to find one just man in the city. Cannot this Tribunal be equally as just with the Gestapo, in which there were thousands and thousands of good and just men?"

Counsel admitted that a multitude of heinous crimes were committed in Germany during the war, and said "what has been proved in this Court will prove the basis of a guilt which will forever adhere to Germany's name," but he asserted that the Gestapo did not originate the reign of terror and played very little part in carrying it out.

Mass judgment against the Gestapo, he submitted, would be trial on a charge of armed robbery—inspiring the theft of \$180,000 worth of German from a bank in the harbour.

The four accused were the crew of the ship which was alleged to have taken the money to Moscow.

only a repetition of Hitler's idea to punish an entire people (the Jews).

Misconception!

The Gestapo, Merkel declared, had to obey the orders of the State just as a soldier must obey the orders of his superior officers. There was a popular misconception of the Gestapo's role in German affairs, because Reinhard Heydrich, Gestapo chief of German occupied countries, bent every effort to create the legend of terror to impress people both in Germany and abroad.

Many acts ascribed to the Gestapo were in reality carried out by others who passed themselves off as members of the organization, Counsel continued.

"Torture of any kind was never condoned by the Gestapo," he said, adding that at least until the beginning of the war there was no crime chargeable to the organization.—Associated Press.

SPORTS SECTION

Yorks Virtually Sure Of Championship

London, Aug. 23. The outcome of this season's county cricket championship is all over, unless there is a miracle upset in the few outstanding games, following Yorkshire's quicktime win against Gloucestershire.

This gave Yorkshire 200 points, and the only hope for Lancashire or Middlesex is that they win all their remaining games while Yorkshire lose their three.

In that case, Lancashire would total 208 and Middlesex 204, but Yorkshire should have no difficulty in getting a dozen points necessary for certain success from their outstanding games against Sussex, Hampshire and Nottinghamshire, all of whom are in the lower half of the table, with Sussex at the very bottom.

Gloucestershire, without Wally Hammond, when facing Yorkshire won the toss and batted. By mid-afternoon, Gloucestershire had tasted the quality of the Yorkshire bowling and were fielding to a side which gained such firstday mastery that the game was all over soon after lunch.

Essex Feat

One of the most remarkable results of the season concerned Essex, who have been concerned in other outstanding games, being twice robbed of a certain win by rain on the third day, twice beaten after holding a first innings lead, and other times winning after getting the worst of the early stages.

Their game with Warwickshire at Southend was in the latter category, for after the opening day they were in danger of following on, losing seven wickets for 34 in reply to a total of 284. Taylor and Wilcox then had an eight wicket partnership of 263 to give Essex a big first innings lead, whereupon Peter and Ray Smith bowled out their rivals for 81, Essex winning the match in two days by an innings and 20 runs, after likely defeat stared them in the face.

Gimblett III

The most disappointed cricketer watching the Lancashire-Somerset game was Harold Gimblett, Somerset's former batsman, who is at present under the shadow of appendicitis.

Needing only 53 to complete his 2,000 runs for the season, Gimblett watched the game from the pavilion on doctors' orders, but hopes three days' rest will enable him to achieve his objective before the season's close, after which, he says, "I told the doctors they can operate."

At Eastbourne: Northampton-

shire 186 and 263 for seven declared (James Langridge three for 44) drew with Sussex 121 and 172 for two (John Langridge 61, Parks 55).—Reuter.

Hong Kong Yacht Races

Yesterday's race of the United Services (H.K.) Yacht Club proved that the longest way round is often the shortest way home.

Three times round the same course with the tide making all the while showed that a semi-circular course to Causeway Bay in order to cheat the tide was far better than a long tack across the current.

Two new boats, "Stonecutters" I and II, made their debut and No. I although she finished well back today, will be worth watching when her sails and gear are settled down and also when she gets the wind to move her.

Thanks to the enterprise of the Club officials many improvements are being made to the boats, and the fleet may be increased by 20 boats within the next two months.

The results of the race were: Queen (Coates and Barge) 1; Nabcatcher (Trieve and Thomson) 2; Duke of York I (Collins and Gandy) 3; Green (Livesey and Gandy) 4; Tyne II (Mr. & Mrs. Lindeman) 5; Duke of York II (Howard and Fisher) 6; Blue (L. Thomson and Hughes) 7; Bonaventure I (Blackmore and Taberham) 8; Stonecutters I (Hones and McNiven) 9; Adamant I (Parsons and Lloyd) 10; and Stonecutters II (McLeod and Ratcliffe) 11.

Maroon, Rame Head I and II, Bonaventure II and Red did not finish.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 24. Defending title-holder Byron Nelson was tumbled out of the National Professional Golfers' Association Championship today when he lost to Ed (Porky) Oliver of Willington, Delaware, one down in the 36-hole quarter-finals here.—Associated Press.

ETHIOPIA'S CLAIM

Paris, Aug. 24. Ethiopia is claiming £100,000 head for her loss of life caused by the Italian invasion of the country. The dead are given as 700,000.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Wellington, Aug. 24. The R.A.F. Lancaster "Aries" landed at Ohakea aerodrome near here, approximately 60 hours after taking off from England. Reports vary as to the exact time taken for the trip (an official statement is expected at any moment) but it is clear that "Aries" broke the record of 64 hours 43 minutes.—Associated Press.

Manchester, Aug. 24. The result of the charity soccer international today was England 2 Scotland 2. The half-time score was England 2 Scotland 1.—Reuter.

Dodgers' Pennant Lead

New York, Aug. 24. In the National League Brooklyn moved out Cincinnati 2 to 1 to give the Dodgers a temporary half game lead in the pennant race.

The Dodgers scored the winning run in the ninth on rookie Dick Whitman's single.

Johnny Sain of Boston pitched a two hitter but lost to the Chicago Cubs 3 to 1 when the latter scored all their runs on two hits, two errors and two walks.

National		
Brooklyn	2	1
Cincinnati	1	0
Boston	1	3
Chicago	3	1

(Two night games)
Chicago-Boston postponed rain. (Four night games)
—Associated Press.

BRITISH WINS AT OSLO

Oslo, Aug. 23. It was a very good day for Great Britain's athletes in the European championships, which were continued at the Bislet stadium in Oslo today.

Sydney Wooderson gained the first Gold Medal for Great Britain by winning the 5,000 metres in 14 minutes 8.6 seconds, the second fastest time ever recorded for this distance.

Another British winner was John Archer in the 100 metres, while other British competitors filled two second and two third positions.

The 5,000 metres provided one of the best races seen in years. Wooderson, running a great winning race, produced his famous finishing spurt in the last lap and, with 300 yards to go, passed the Dutch champion, Slykholm, to win by 30 yards in 14 minutes 8.6 seconds. The world record is 8.5 seconds' 58.2 seconds set up by the Swede, Gundar Haegge, in 1942.—Reuter.

AIRBORNE SEVEN TO TWO

London, Aug. 23. After his failure to win outright at Newmarket early this week, Airborne, Derby winner, went out to seven to two in the latest St. Leger callover, being backed to win £2,000.

Fast and Fair, who dead-heated with Airborne, was offered at nine to one, but there were no takers. Gulf Stream contracted half a point to nine to two, but found no takers, while White Jacket's price was reduced from 100 to seven to nine to one.—Reuter.

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ROUND-UP

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.62 megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Jay Wilbur and His Orchestra.
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1.30 p.m.—Half an Hour with Schubert.
2.00 p.m.—Chase Down.
2.30 p.m.—"Services" Music Hall.
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3.30 p.m.—Studio Local News Round-Up by "Jabberwock".
4.00 p.m.—Studio Ken Barrett at the Piano.
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5.15 p.m.—Bank of H.M. Grenadier and Peter Dawson.
5.40 p.m.—Johanna Blum's Memories.
6.00 p.m.—"Honey We Love".
6.15 p.m.—C.B.W. "Proms" No. 81, Bach—Suite No. 1 in C Major, Handel—Organ, Concerto No. 18 "The Organ" and the Night Insects.
6.45 p.m.—Dorothy Quartet No. 2 in D Major.
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7.30 p.m.—Studio Sunday Evening Encores—Rev. Hedley F. Dunlop.
8.00 p.m.—Chase Down.
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